

Colorado Family Church: March Local Highlights

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March was a really fantastic month with many exciting activities such as our first ever 9-12 retreat and an action-packed visit from all levels of church leadership. We are grateful for all the experiences and for the coming of spring. Enjoy this month's local updates below!

9-12 Year Old Retreat



This month we hosted our first 9-12 Retreat. Many parents and volunteers worked together to organize many fun and bonding activities. We even had two youth attend from out-of-state. We are so grateful that our community can provide these kinds of opportunities for our youth that they will never forget. A special thank you to Mitsy Kuramoto, William Martinez, and David Heppell for spearheading this. [See more photos here.](#)

Family Reunion Service & Dr. Chung Sik Yong's Visit



We had a special visit from all levels of church leadership this month. On Sunday March 12, we hosted a special service with a message from Rev. Kevin Thompson, President Naokimi, and Continental Director Dr. Yong. President Naokimi was also able to meet with some of our young adults at the GPA family workshop. On the following day, we took the cog rail to the peak and visitor's center at Pike's Peak. We took some time to pray and reflect there. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who helped with cleaning, preparing food, snacks, flowers, as well as the Kang family for hosting us for lunch at their restaurant Poke World. [Here are some photos.](#)

Ongoing Interfaith Work in Grand Junction



On March 30th, 2023 we held our monthly Interreligious Sharing program in Grand Junction. Our motto is, "We are all God's children. Let's build bridges of heart and respect among one another by sincerely learning about each other's faiths."

Ten people attended: 4 Bahai, 2 Latter-Day Saints, 2 Christian Scientists, and 2 WFWP/UPF representatives. Our interfaith outreach efforts have been going strong here in the Western edge of Colorado since June 2019.

In January, we began a new mini-series entitled, "Celebrating our Spiritual Founders." We have learned about the Bab and Baha'u' Ilah of the Bahai faith and Mary Baker Eddy from the Christian Science Church. Last night at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, we were educated about their founder, Joseph Smith.

Everyone was so interested to understand the Latter-Day Saints' faith better, many questions were asked, lively discussion ensued and many participants expressed gratitude for our interreligious series which enables them to know the beliefs of other religions and denominations in a warm, accepting environment.



Our WFWP program, "Women Together Serving the Greater Good" was held on March 18, 2023 in Grand Junction in the community rooms of the public library.

Each group shared who they are, what they stand for and how they serve the community. The women's groups that participated:

United Methodist Women of Faith: Bold action and strong faith in God's Love to improve the lives of women, children and youth.

Diaper Depot- a service program of the United Methodist Church that gives free diapers and diaper cream to families in need.

Catholic Daughters- "Unity and Charity" is their motto. They support the Catholic Church, the priests and charitable causes.

Women's Self-Defense: Teaches strategic moves to protect women from attackers, allowing them to get away safely.

The Relief Society of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints: "Just Serve" an online platform that connects organizations that serve the community with people who are seeking to volunteer.

Red Hats- An organization that promotes taking care of each other and having fun!

Disciples Women of First Church of Christ: They are a compassion-focused mission of Jesus Christ. They hold an annual large tag sale to support the activities of their church. They study, pray and lift up one another. They serve the needy.

Black Student Alliance, Colorado Mesa University- Their mission is to establish a space where the voices of minority students are both heard and uplifted. They seek to educate the campus and surrounding communities on Black culture.

Women's Federation for World Peace- Rev. Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon established WFWP in 1992 because they understood women are natural

peacemakers. Mother Moon is calling for the power of true womanhood to affect peace in marriages, families, communities and out to many areas of the world. It is time for women leadership. Yet we love our men!

Thirty-three people attended. People were excited to meet and learn about other women groups in the area. Networking took place, flyers were exchanged, and everyone left with smiles on their faces.

Anthony Alves & Yujin Angolio's Commitment Ceremony



A huge congratulations to Anthony Alves and Yujin Angolio and their families on their commitment ceremony on March 17. Anthony and Yujin made a formal commitment, together with many family members and friends, to one another and to the Blessing coming up in May. We wish many blessings on their bright future together.

Generation Peace Academy Family Workshop



Generation Peace Academy held their first family workshop since 2019 in Estes Park. We were blessed to be able to bring a group from our community to see Elvis and Christian and also to participate in the many activities, testimonies, skits, and much more. [See more photos here.](#)

Continued Renovations and Improvements

This month, we did some repairs in the church dining room. The drain in the middle of the floor was backing up regularly, damaging the flooring. We removed the damaged flooring, cleared and sealed the drain, and installed new flooring. A big thank you to David Mahardy for making that happen. Also, in preparation for spring gardening, Sergii and many of the other residents of the 4-plex have been hard at work gardening, composting, ripping out old metal and concrete posts, cutting down trees, and much more. It's looking better and better there all the time. Lastly, we fixed an issue with the front doors where they would sometimes not close completely.







Sunday Sermons

Through the Sunday services this month, we finished our series on Stewardship and had some powerful additional messages, one of which was given by guest speaker Rev. Richard Buessing. If you missed any of them, you can find them all on our [Facebook page](#) and [Youtube channel](#). For quick reference, this month's recordings are below.

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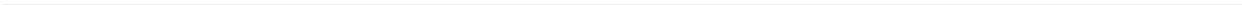
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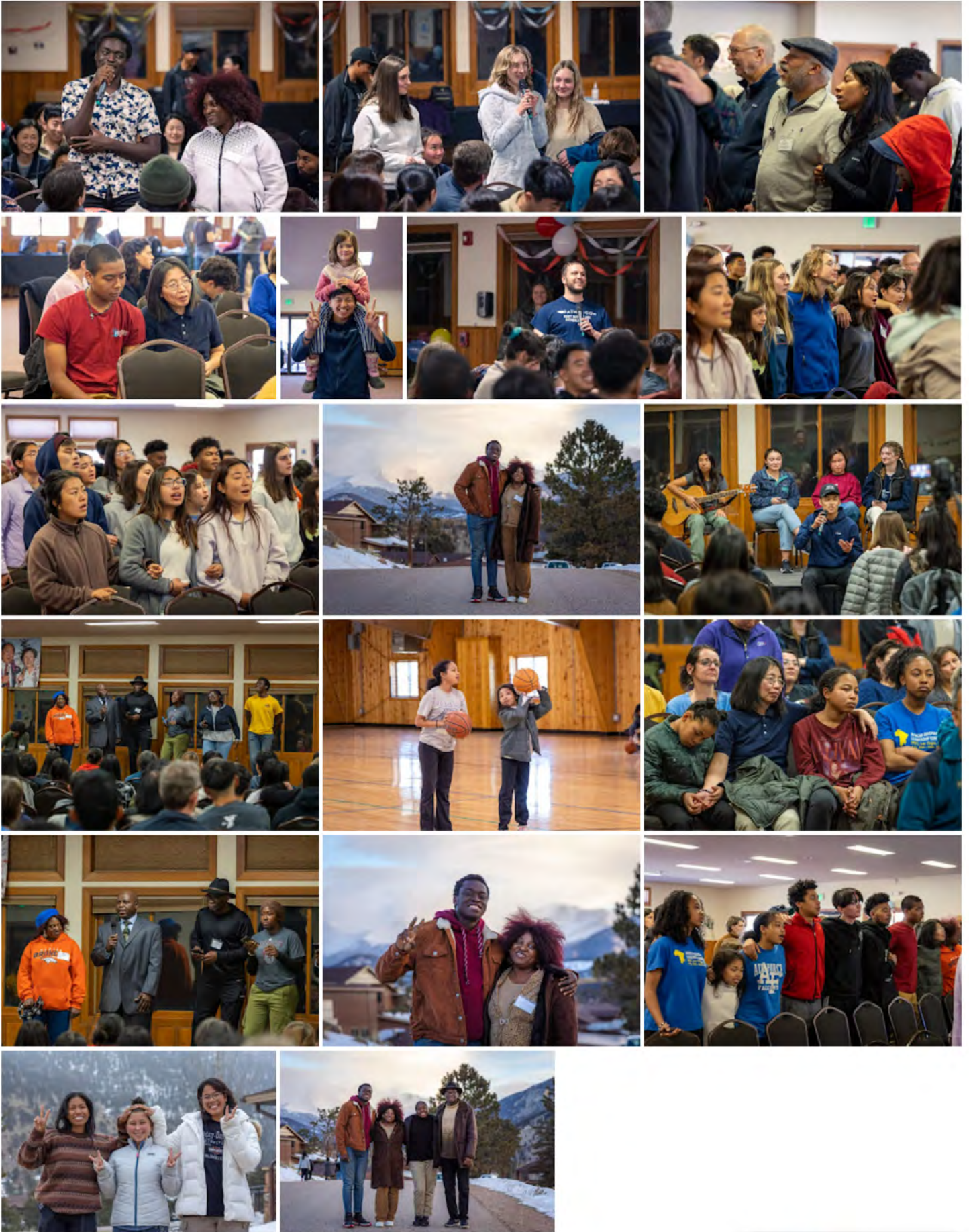
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